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This section describes the child support caseload. Three types of cases make up the Title IV-D child support cases:

- **Current Assistance** (individuals receiving TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)
- **Former Assistance** (individuals who previously received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care) and
- **Never Assistance** (individuals who have never received TANF/AFDC or Title IV-E Foster Care. Medicaid, child care only and State Only Foster Care are Never Assistance cases.)

The Child Support Performance and Incentive Act of 1998 awards incentives to states' child support programs based on their performance on five measures.

1. Paternity establishment
2. Order establishment
3. Current support collected
4. Cases paying toward arrears
5. Cost effectiveness.

The Child Support Incentive Scorecard shows DCS outcomes on the five measures over the past two federal fiscal years. Information is presented in federal fiscal years because that is the time frame used for awarding incentives earned by the state's child support program.

Highlights:

- **Statewide, Child Support served about 1 out of every 8 residents during SFY2005.**
- **Child Support served an average of 431,282 children per month during SFY 2005.**
- **The overall caseload increased from 329,061 open at the end of June, 2004 to 342,705 open cases at the end of June, 2005; a 4.1% increase.**
- **Within this caseload, Current Assistance cases increased 7.6% from 52,067 to 56,015; Former Assistance cases increased 4.0% (from 177,113 to 184,135); and Never Assistance cases increased 2.7% (from 99,881 to 102,554).**
- **The vast majority (85.4%) of non-custodial parents are male with an average age of 38.6 years, while most (89.6%) custodial parents are female with an average age of 37.3 years.**

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Child Support Incentive Scorecard

FFY2004¹ and FFY2005²

Source: Division of Child Support

MEASURE	GOAL NEEDED TO OBTAIN 100% FUNDING	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE FFY		PERCENTAGE OF MAXIMUM INCENTIVE REACHED (COLUMN A)		ESTIMATED MAXIMUM VALUE OF INCENTIVE (\$MILLIONS) (COLUMN B)	INCENTIVE ³ PAYMENT (\$MILLIONS) (COLUMN A * B)	
		2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
Paternity Establishment Percentage	80%	96.8%	95.2%	100%	100%	\$3.38	\$3.38	\$3.33
Support Order Establishment	80%	89.7%	89.6%	100%	100%	\$3.38	\$3.38	\$3.33
Current Collections	80%	62.9%	63.3%	72%	73%	\$3.38	\$2.44	\$2.43
Arrearage Collections	80%	67.2%	66.4%	77%	76%	\$2.54	\$1.95	\$1.90
Cost-Effectiveness	\$5.00	\$4.52	\$4.74	90%	90%	\$2.54	\$2.28	\$2.24
INCENTIVE TOTALS				79.45%	79.50%	\$15.23	\$13.446	\$13.22

¹ FFY2004 Data is from U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Support Enforcement 2004 Preliminary Data Report.

² FFY2005 Data is preliminary based on unaudited federal reports.

³ Calculations for FFY2005 assume Washington's total and relative incentive base doesn't change, but the federal incentive pool shrinks from \$454 Million to \$446 Million as set by law.

Incentive Measure Formulas Used by the Office of Child Support Enforcement

PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT PERCENTAGE: Number of Children in the Caseload in the FY or as of the End of the FY Who Were Born Out-of-Wedlock (BOW) with Paternity Established or Acknowledged divided by Number of Children BOW in the Caseload as of the End of the Preceding FY.

SUPPORT ORDER ESTABLISHMENT: Number of IV-D Cases with Support Orders divided by Number of IV-D Cases.

CURRENT COLLECTIONS: Amount Collected for Current Support in IV-D Cases divided by Amount Owed for Current Support in IV-D Cases.

ARREARAGE COLLECTIONS: Number of IV-D Cases Paying Toward Arrears divided by Number of IV-D Cases with Arrears Due.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS: Total IV-D Dollars Collected divided by Total IV-D Dollars Expended.

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Child Support Caseload and Collections July 2003 to June 2005

Source: Division of Child Support

	<u>CHILD SUPPORT CASELOAD</u>				<u>CHILD SUPPORT COLLECTIONS</u>		<u>COLLECTIONS BY CASE TYPE</u>		
	TANF/ FOSTER CARE ¹	FORMER ASSIST ²	NEVER ON ASSIST ³	TOTAL IV-D CASELOAD	ACTUAL	PROJECTED	TANF/ FOSTER CARE ¹	FORMER ASSIST ²	NEVER ON ASSIST ³
SFY 03	47,413	166,805	94,625	308,760	\$634,240,288	\$764,289,779	\$43,337,974	\$281,061,653	\$309,840,661
JUL 03	48,030	169,689	97,143	314,862	\$50,759,084	\$53,522,818	\$3,357,016	\$21,944,023	\$25,458,045
AUG	48,537	170,250	97,278	316,065	\$52,427,026	\$51,770,292	\$3,444,510	\$23,352,612	\$25,629,904
SEP	48,494	171,689	97,381	317,564	\$50,871,894	\$50,386,921	\$3,278,606	\$22,099,814	\$25,493,474
OCT	49,165	172,815	97,491	319,471	\$51,973,556	\$51,166,566	\$3,277,227	\$22,470,906	\$26,225,423
NOV	49,923	172,967	97,527	320,417	\$44,718,005	\$50,664,862	\$2,734,874	\$19,101,838	\$22,881,293
DEC	49,642	174,370	97,622	321,634	\$55,895,725	\$50,755,260	\$3,451,787	\$23,999,406	\$28,444,532
JAN 04	52,101	173,335	97,988	323,424	\$48,268,058	\$50,768,260	\$3,012,067	\$20,394,374	\$24,861,617
FEB	52,581	173,921	98,506	325,008	\$47,061,421	\$49,236,448	\$2,950,474	\$19,881,971	\$24,228,976
MAR	52,359	175,079	99,233	326,671	\$62,206,607	\$57,898,936	\$4,665,018	\$28,195,959	\$29,345,630
APR	52,626	175,933	99,520	328,079	\$57,409,958	\$56,067,306	\$3,923,580	\$26,042,343	\$27,444,035
MAY	53,226	175,607	99,682	328,515	\$52,897,447	\$57,338,565	\$3,362,599	\$23,514,252	\$26,020,596
JUN	52,067	177,113	99,881	329,061	\$59,102,655	\$57,991,481	\$3,803,142	\$26,151,553	\$29,147,960
SFY 04	50,729	173,564	98,271	322,564	\$633,591,434	\$637,567,715	\$41,260,899	\$277,149,051	\$315,181,484
JUL 04	53,083	177,366	100,374	330,823	\$49,160,285	\$54,142,061	\$2,970,755	\$21,042,374	\$25,147,156
AUG	53,525	177,857	100,818	332,200	\$50,131,379	\$52,332,580	\$3,088,345	\$21,327,608	\$25,715,426
SEP	53,386	179,124	100,779	333,289	\$50,995,871	\$50,992,653	\$3,217,330	\$21,357,044	\$26,421,498
OCT	54,988	179,037	101,119	335,144	\$49,872,637	\$51,704,660	\$3,117,315	\$21,002,860	\$25,752,461
NOV	54,565	180,202	101,294	336,061	\$49,897,129	\$51,244,987	\$3,186,770	\$21,067,368	\$25,642,990
DEC	54,997	180,516	101,342	336,855	\$52,935,942	\$51,320,631	\$3,344,292	\$21,993,855	\$27,597,795
JAN 05	57,298	179,615	102,260	339,173	\$49,515,700	\$51,350,351	\$3,178,435	\$20,404,603	\$25,932,662
FEB	56,885	180,835	102,707	340,427	\$47,042,794	\$49,832,266	\$3,061,582	\$19,456,606	\$24,524,605
MAR	56,767	181,773	103,237	341,777	\$64,991,977	\$58,351,359	\$5,063,962	\$28,926,746	\$31,001,269
APR	56,558	182,330	103,648	342,536	\$58,752,321	\$56,581,182	\$4,130,301	\$25,984,195	\$28,637,825
MAY	57,645	182,668	102,415	342,728	\$56,782,461	\$57,756,652	\$3,766,395	\$24,870,562	\$28,145,504
JUN	56,016	184,135	102,554	342,705	\$59,512,791	\$59,390,067	\$3,858,031	\$26,064,443	\$29,590,317
SFY 05	55,476	180,455	101,879	337,810	\$639,591,287	\$644,999,449	\$41,983,515	\$273,498,265	\$324,109,508

Note: Case counts are unduplicated

¹ TANF/Foster Care or Current Assistance (TANF or Title IV-E Foster Care)

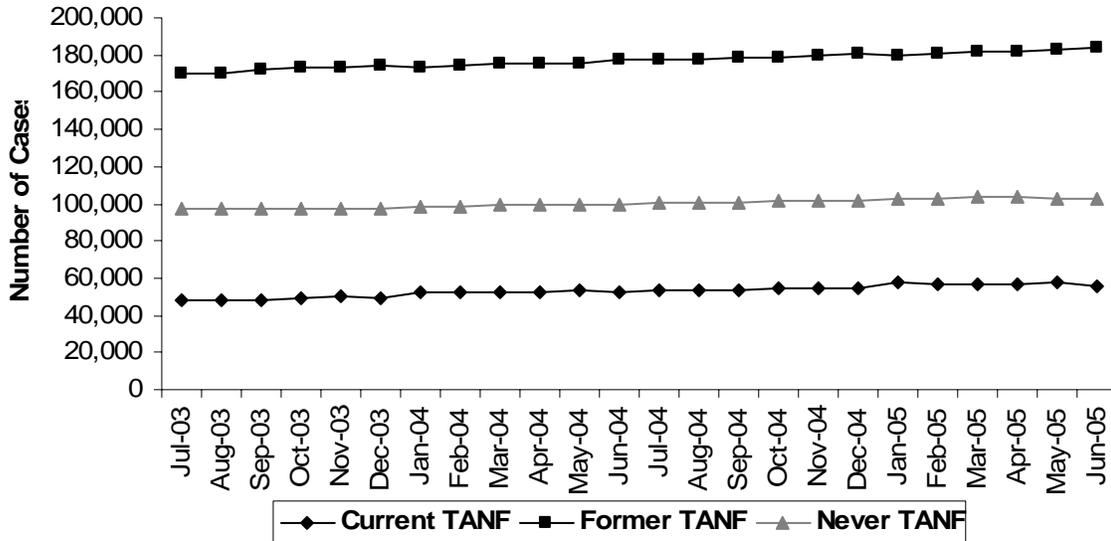
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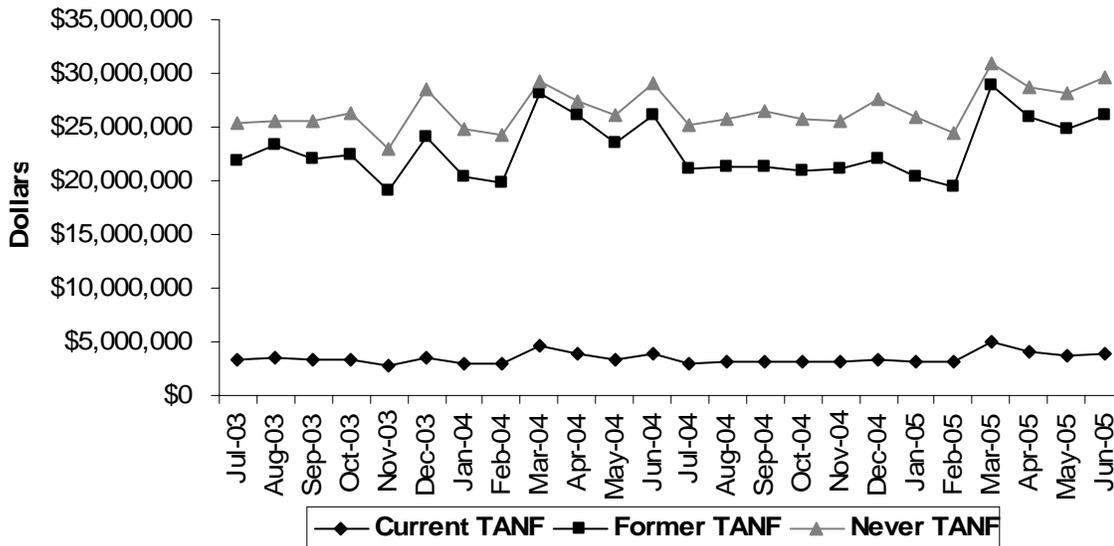
Child Support Caseload by Type July 2003 to June 2005

Source: Division of Child Support



Child Support Collections by Case Type July 2003 to June 2005

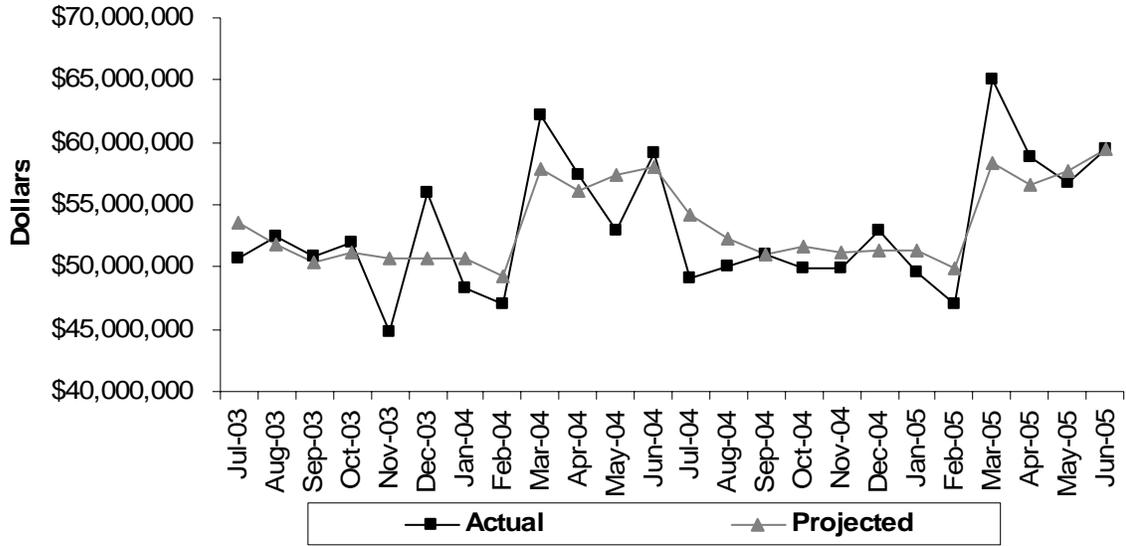
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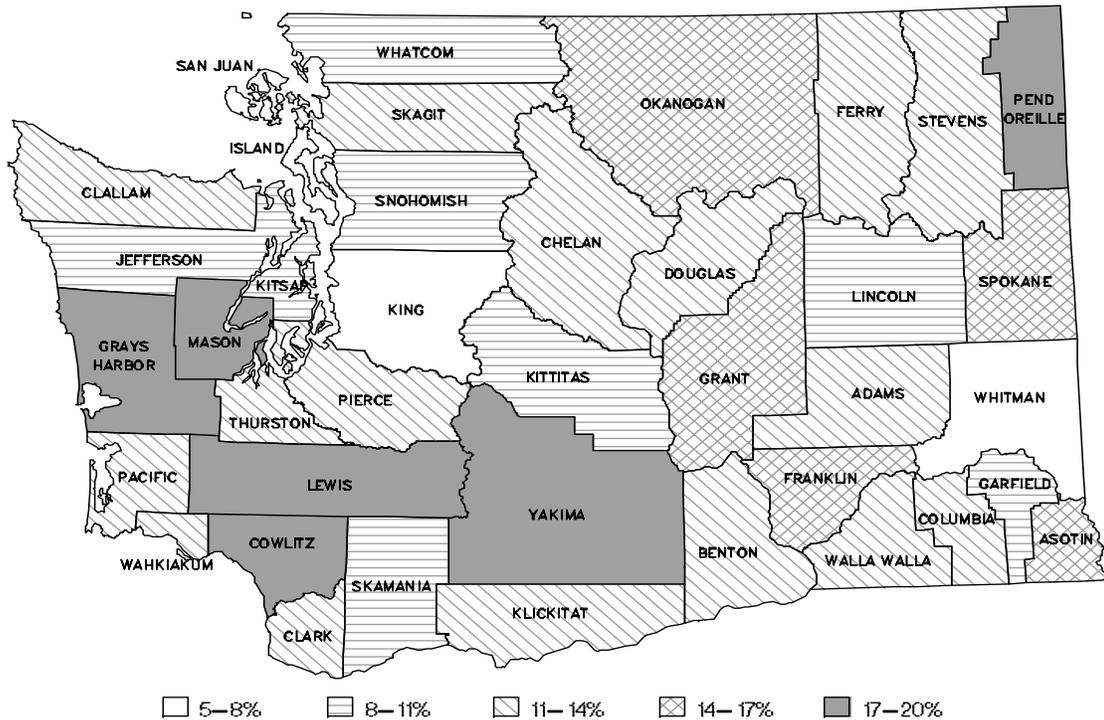
Child Support Collections Actual and Projected - July 2003 to June 2005

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Percentage of Residents Served by DCS — September 2005



The percentage of residents served is obtained by dividing the number of DCS "clients" in a county as of the end of September 2005 by the OFM 2005 county population estimate.

County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served	County	DCS Clients	Population Estimate	% of Residents Served
Adams	2,351	17,000	13.83%	Lewis	12,664	71,600	17.69%
Asotin	3,221	20,900	15.41%	Lincoln	1,067	10,100	10.56%
Benton	19,994	158,100	12.65%	Mason	9,337	51,900	17.99%
Chelan	8,077	69,200	11.67%	Okanogan	6,324	39,600	15.97%
Clallam	9,070	66,800	13.58%	Pacific	2,814	21,300	13.21%
Clark	45,442	391,500	11.61%	Pend Oreille	2,343	12,200	19.20%
Columbia	491	4,100	11.98%	Pierce	104,020	755,900	13.76%
Cowlitz	17,848	95,900	18.61%	San Juan	930	15,500	6.00%
Douglas	3,847	34,700	11.09%	Skagit	13,344	110,900	12.03%
Ferry	917	7,400	12.39%	Skamania	937	10,300	9.10%
Franklin	8,912	60,500	14.73%	Snohomish	69,301	655,800	10.57%
Garfield	226	2,400	9.42%	Spokane	62,741	436,300	14.38%
Grant	11,478	79,100	14.51%	Stevens	5,628	41,200	13.66%
Grays Harbor	13,798	69,800	19.77%	Thurston	29,751	224,100	13.28%
Island	5,537	76,000	7.29%	Wahkiakum	473	3,900	12.13%
Jefferson	2,682	27,600	9.72%	Walla Walla	6,624	57,500	11.52%
King	140,628	1,808,300	7.78%	Whatcom	16,348	180,800	9.04%
Kitsap	25,021	240,400	10.41%	Whitman	2,315	42,400	5.46%
Kittitas	3,289	36,600	8.99%	Yakima	41,698	229,300	18.18%
Klickitat	2,720	19,500	13.95%	State Total	714,208	6,256,400	11.42%

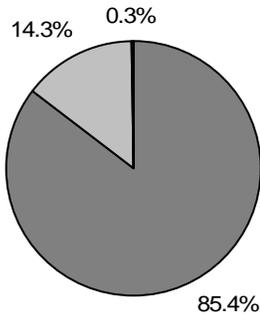
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Child Support Client Characteristics – September 2005

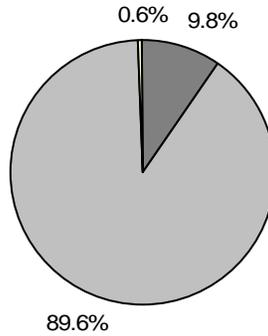
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Gender of Client Types

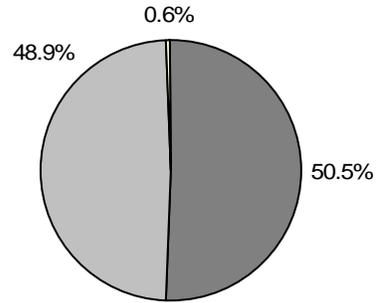
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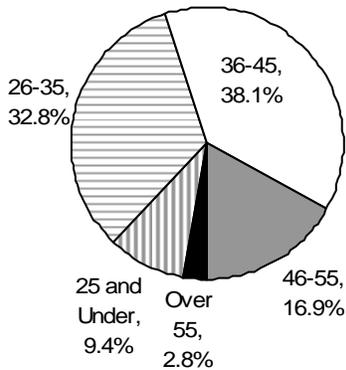
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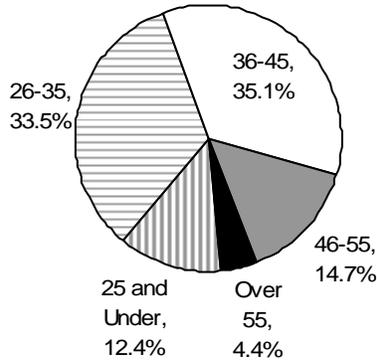
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Age Distribution of Client Types

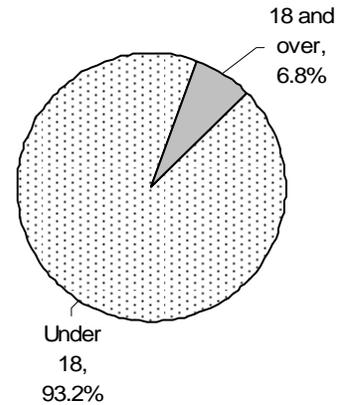
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DCS Client Characteristics - Sept 2004

<u>Type Client</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Not Coded</u>	<u>Under 18</u>	<u>18 and over</u>	<u>25 and Under</u>	<u>26-35</u>	<u>36-45</u>	<u>46-55</u>	<u>Over 55</u>
Custodial Parents	9.8%	89.6%	0.6%			12.4%	33.5%	35.1%	14.7%	4.4%
Non-Custodial Parents	85.4%	14.3%	0.3%			9.4%	32.8%	38.1%	16.9%	2.8%
Children	50.5%	48.9%	0.6%	93.2%	6.8%					

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